

# President's Letter 2019-2020

School is starting and the days are getting shorter, which means ski season is just around the corner! Last season was fantastic! The snow levels out west were the highest I've seen in quite a few years. Unfortunately, with that much snow, we saw massive flooding in March with water levels remaining high throughout the summer. My prayers to all affected by the floods. I hope we have another fantastic year this coming ski season.

I can't wait to get my skis back on again. We have some great trips lined up starting in December with a trip to Snowmass. Snowmass has great snow making so this should be a great early season trip. You can ski Snowmass, Aspen, Aspen Highland, and Buttermilk. You can take the shuttle to Aspen and visit the various restaurants and shops there. Aspen ski area was started in 1946.

Winter Park will be our next destination. Winter Park is owned by the city of Denver and opened in 1940. Mary Jane opened in 1975 adding 18 trails and 350 acres. The Ski Train from Denver has brought up many skiers. Amtrak will take you to Frasier. I have done this a couple of times as have several members on the trip last year. It is a very enjoyable ride and the seats on the train are comfortable. There is a free shuttle from the train station to downtown.

I'm looking forward to the Flatland trip at Steamboat the end of January. Seeing old friends and meeting new ones always happen at Flatlands. One of my old friends from Tulsa, Kelly Phillips passed away. She will be missed. She was always at the races and had served on the FSA board and race committee.

Taos Feb 18-23. Ernie Blake started Taos Ski Valley in 1955. I have been to Taos twice. Once, they closed the mountain just as I was getting on the lift due to too much snow! I hope they have a good snow year and I will be able to ski the entire mountain. We will be staying in the town of Taos so we can explore this unique little town.

I have skied Copper Mountain many times. We will team up with the Cornhusker Ski Club and enjoy this great area. The whole mountain should be open to explore. If you would like a tour of the mountain, we have friends that are mountain hosts that would love to show you around.

If you haven't had enough skiing, join us at Big Sky March 10-15. The resort was founded by Chet Huntley, a co-anchor at NBC news and a Montana native. Big Sky opened in 1973. Moonlight Basin is a fun part of the mountain and was added in 2013. In 2018, Doppelmayr put in America's first highspeed 8-pack lift. This is a great place to ski.

We have posted all the trips early due to limited space on some of the trips, so sign up early. Trip applications and membership applications can be found on our website at [www.omahaskiclub.org](http://www.omahaskiclub.org). Did you know that we also have member bringing a new member incentive? Why not help increase the membership by bringing your friends? I hope I see all of you at our trip signup party.



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